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SUBJECT: REPATRIATION

1. SOVIET SHIP BRYANSK LEFT CHITTAGONG NOVEMBER 5 AFTERNOON WITH 900 REPATRIATES FOR KARACHI. ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL, BDG IS PROVIDING COMPLEMENT OF DOCTORS AND SUBSISTENCE COSTS FOR PASSENGERS. GOP IS SAID TO BE PROVIDING SAME TO SOVIETS VIA UNHCR FOR RETURN TRIP. AN ICRC REPRESENTATIVE INFORMS US SHIP IS OLD RECONVERTED CARGO VESSEL WITH 100-BED DORMITORIES AND INADEQUATE NUMBER OF LATRINES. CONSEQUENTLY ICRC REQUIRED BDG TO BRING ABOUT 100 ELDERLY REPATRIATES FROM CHITTAGONG TO DACCA FOR AIR PASSAGE INSTEAD.

2. THE INITIAL LIST OF 29,000 NAMES SUBMITTED TO GOP LAST MAY HAS BEEN CLEARED, OF WHICH 12,500 HAVE BEEN REPATRIATED AND 9,000 HAVE EITHER ALREADY LEFT OR OTHERWISE CANNOT BE LOCATED. OF THE REMAINING 7,000-PLUS NAMES, MFA INFORMS US PAKISTAN ORIGINALLY REJECTED 6,000

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BUT LATER AGREED TO ACCEPT ALL. IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS,

REPATRIATION FROM DACCA HAS AVERAGED 300 PERSONS A DAY. BDG IF MAINTAINING A RELAXED PUBLIC STANCE ABOUT THE SLOWNESS IN REPATRIATION OF THE PAKISTANIS. THE MFA IS HOPING THAT CLEARANCES WILL BE SPEEDED UP AND THAT SOME BLANKET CLEARANCES MIGHT BE GRANTED. ICRC HAS SUBMITTED 70,000 MORE NAMES SINCE SEPTEMBER 12, ALL OF WHICH THEY HAVE VERIFIED AS DEFINITELY BEING IN BANGLADESH BUT AS YET HAVE NOT RECEIVED CLEARANCES ON THEM.

3. A DIPLOMATIC CORPS BRIEFING HAS BEEN SCHEDULED WITH UNHCR PRINCE SADRUDDIN KHAN FOR NOVEMBER 8 DURING HIS SHORT VISIT HERE.

4. MFA ADDITIONAL SECRETARY FAKHRUDDIN AHMED LEFT DACCA NOVEMBER 4 FOR GENEVA AND NEW YORK WHERE HE WILL CONFER WITH UN SYG ON REPATRIATION AND REHABILITATION.
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